

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** January 16, 2015

**To:** Superintendent of Schools

**From:** Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator of School Improvement

**Subject:** QS-15-005 - Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Items Not Waived Checklist

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has the statutory responsibility to ensure Missouri's public school districts are compliant with legislation and State Board of Education regulations. As an assurance, all districts must complete the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Items Not Waived Checklist

<http://dese.mo.gov/forms/MO5002723.pdf> on an annual basis. The checklist is due February 28, 2015 and may be submitted via fax (573-522-1759), email ([msip@dese.mo.gov](mailto:msip@dese.mo.gov)) or mail.

The MSIP Checklist is updated annually based on new legislative or regulatory action. All bills below are effective August 28, 2014, unless otherwise noted.

- [\*\*HB 1490\*\*](#) - Requires the adoption and development of a written curriculum one year after the development of written curriculum frameworks. (section 160.516, RSMo.)
- [\*\*HB 1303\*\*](#) - Establishes the Missouri Student Religious Liberties Act, which prohibits a school district from discriminating against a student or parent on the basis of a religious viewpoint or expression. (section 160.2500, RSMo.)
- [\*\*SB 656\*\*](#) - Omnibus bill relating to firearms. In part, this act allows a school district to designate one or more school teachers or administrators as a school protection officer. School protection officers are authorized to carry a concealed firearm or self-defense spray devices. (section 160.665, RSMo.)

### Questions

If you have questions regarding the MSIP Items Not Waived Checklist, please contact your Area Supervisor or Cathi Rust (573-751-4426). (See contact information at: <http://dese.mo.gov/qs/qs-region-map.html>).

We appreciate your continued dedication to improving outcomes for students.